

House Study Bill 86 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE
ON JUDICIARY BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON BALTIMORE)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act allowing a professional limited liability company or a
2 partnership of veterinarians to provide veterinary care.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 169.4A, Code 2015, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 **169.4A Provision of veterinary services.**

4 1. A person, including a corporation, limited liability
5 company, or partnership, established on or after July 1, 1994,
6 ~~other than either a professional corporation organized under~~
7 ~~chapter 496C or a veterinarian licensed under this chapter,~~
8 shall not provide veterinary medical services, own a veterinary
9 clinic, or practice veterinary medicine in this state, except
10 as otherwise provided in this chapter. ~~However, this section~~

11 2. Subsection 1 shall not ~~prohibit~~ do any of the following:

12 a. Apply to a veterinarian licensed under this chapter,
13 a partnership formed under chapter 486A and composed of
14 licensed veterinarians, a limited liability partnership formed
15 under chapter 486A and composed of licensed veterinarians, a
16 professional limited liability company organized under chapter
17 489 and engaging in the practice of veterinary medicine, or
18 a professional corporation organized under chapter 496C and
19 engaging in the practice of veterinary medicine.

20 b. Prohibit a person from owning an interest in real
21 property or a building where a veterinary clinic is located, if
22 veterinary medical services or a veterinary medicine practice
23 is conducted by at the clinic by a ~~professional corporation or~~
24 ~~a veterinarian licensed under this chapter~~ person described in
25 paragraph "a".

26 EXPLANATION

27 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
28 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

29 BILL. This bill amends the Iowa veterinary practice Act
30 (Code chapter 169) by allowing certain partnerships composed
31 of licensed veterinarians and a professional limited liability
32 company (PLLC) to (1) provide veterinary medical services, (2)
33 own a veterinary clinic, or (3) practice veterinary medicine
34 in this state. The purpose of a PLLC is to engage in the
35 practice of a specific profession by a licensed individual or a

1 partnership of licensed individuals (Code section 489.1102).
2 The bill also provides that any person may own an interest in
3 real property or a building where a clinic is located, so long
4 as the partnership or professional limited liability company
5 provides services or conducts a practice at the clinic.

6 CURRENT LAW. With few exceptions, a person other than a
7 licensed veterinarian is prohibited from providing veterinary
8 medical services, owning a veterinary clinic, or practicing
9 veterinary medicine in this state (Code section 169.4A).
10 The prohibition expressly applies to an entity including
11 a corporation, limited liability company, or partnership
12 established on or after July 1, 1994. However, the prohibition
13 does not apply to either a professional corporation or a
14 licensed veterinarian. It also does not prevent a person from
15 owning an interest in real property or a building where a
16 veterinary clinic is located, so long as the veterinary medical
17 services or veterinary practice is conducted by a professional
18 corporation or licensed veterinarian.